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SUBJECT: HEAVY RAINS AND FLOODING CAUSE EXTENSIVE DAMAGE IN
CENTRAL MOZAMBIQUE

REF: MAPUTO 0299

1. SUMMARY: LATE TORRENTIAL RAINS HAVE CAUSED EXTENSIVE PROPERTY
AND CROP DAMAGE IN CENTRAL MOZAMBIQUE. LOST OF LIFE HAS BEEN
MINIMAL. END SUMMARY.

2. LATE RAINS IN CENTRAL MOZAMBIQUE HAVE CAUSED DAMAGE OF OVER
SIX THOUSAND CONTOS (US.S.\$186,000). AREAS MOST SERIOUSLY AF-
FECTED HAVE BEEN ALONG ZAMBEZE RIVER IN PROVINCES OF TETE, SOFALA
AND ZAMBEZE. OFFICIALS IN TETE PROVINCE REPORTED THAT LARGE AMOUNT
OF RAIN AND FLOODWATERS FLOWING INTO CABORA BASSA LAKE HAD FORCED
OFFICIALS AT CABORA BASSA DAM TO OPEN ALL SIX FLOODGATES. NUMBER
OF HOUSES AND FARMS ALONG THE ZAMBEZE (IN ZAMBEZE PROVINCE) SOUTH-
EAST OF THE DAM HAVE BEEN DESTROYED OR ABANDONED. OFFICIALS IN
SOFALA PROVINCE HAVE REPORTED THAT PUNGUE RIVER, WHICH FLOWS
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TO THE SEA NEAR BEIRA, CRESTED AT OVER 25 FEET, DAMAGING HOMES,
KILLING ANIMALS AND DESTROYING VALUABLE RICE CROPS IN THE AREA.

3. COMMENT: FLOODING AND RAINFALL DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE AS SERIOUS
AS THAT OF 1976 OR 1977. GOVERNMENT IS USING ITS OWN RESOURCES
TO COPE WITH SITUATION, AND NO OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE HAS BEEN RE-
QUESTED. HOWEVER, DESTRUCTION OF CROPS, PARTICULARLY RICE, PEANUTS

AND SUGAR, WILL FURTHER EXACERBATE MOZAMBIQUE'S FOOD SHORTAGES
DURING REMAINDER OF 1978.
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